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1) TERRORISM CAMPAIGN AGAINST FIAT, ALREADY REPORTED IN
REFTEL, INCLUDES FOLLOWING TWO NEW EVENTS:

MAY 5, 1976: AN EARLY MORNING ABORTIVE ATTEMPT WAS
MADE TO DAMAGE THE BODY PARTS WAREHOUSE AT THE FIAT
PLANT AT MIRAFIORI. THE FIRE WAS QUICKLY DISCOVERED
BY A NIGHT WATCHMAN AND WAS IMMEDIATELY EXTINGUISHED
WITH VERY LIMITED DAMAGES#

MAY 6, 1976: IN THE EVENING OF MAY 6 IMMEDIATELY AFTER
THE LAST PRODUCTION SHIFT LEFT THE FIAT MIRAFIORI PLANT,
A VIOLENT FIRE BROKE OUT IN A STORAGE AREA VERY NEAR
THE SPOT DAMAGED IN THE ARSON COMMITTED ON APRIL 3RD.
THE BUILDING IS ONE OF THE MAJOR OUTBUILDINGS OF THE
MIRAFIORI PLANT AND CONTAINED COMPONENTS USED IN THE PRODUC-
TION OF THE FIAT 127, 131, AND 132 LINES. THE DAMAGE WAS
REPORTED TO BE HEAVY, ESPECIALLY DUE TO THE LOSS OF
VALUABLE MICRO-CIRCUITS USED IN THE PRODUCTION OF THE
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2) FIAT S SPOKESMEN REPORT THAT IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO ASSESS THE TOTAL DAMAGES CAUSED BY LAST NIGHT S FIRE, BUT THEY BELIEVE THAT PRODUCTION SCHEDULES WILL NOT BE AFFECTED, NOR WILL THERE BE ANY LOSS OF MANHOURS WORKED AS REPORTED IN THIS MORNING S PRESS.

3) ALTHOUGH ALL MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES AND UNIONS HAVE DEPLORED THIS WAVE OF VIOLENCE IMMEDIATELY AFTER IT STARTED, THERE ARE NO SIGNS AS OF THIS MOMENT THAT WOULD INDICATE AN END TO THE ORGANIZED CAMPAIGN OF TERRORISM AGAINST FIAT, ITALY S LARGEST PRIVATE MANUFACTURER.
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